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The City of Fort Lauderdale Emergency Management Division remains in close contact with state and local health officials regarding the recent outbreak of coronavirus disease (COVID-19). We are monitoring the impact of this potentially deadly virus which continues to spread worldwide.

While no cases of coronavirus have been reported locally, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reminds everyone to practice proper hygiene habits to help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
- If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol. Always wash hands with soap and water if hands are visibly dirty.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your mouth and nose with your bent elbow or tissue when you cough or sneeze. Then throw the tissue in the trash immediately.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.
- If you have fever, cough, and difficulty breathing, please seek medical attention.

For more information about coronavirus, please visit the webpages below:

CDC General Information

https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html

CDC Prevention and Treatment

https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/prevention-treatment.html

CDC Frequently Asked Questions

https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/faq.html

Updates from the World Health Organization

https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019

To view live updates on cases worldwide, please visit Johns Hopkins CSSE